

Remarks

The present claims are claims 1-19. No claims have been amended or added. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over, Chabreck et al. (US 6,447,920). Reference was made to column 3, presumably the oligomer radicals of Formulae (3b) and (3b'). Reconsideration is requested.

Present claim 1 defines a biomedical device formed from the polymerization product of a monomeric mixture comprising a poly(2-oxazoline) endcapped with an ethylenically unsaturated radical.

Chabreck et al. discloses a composite material comprising (a) an inorganic or organic bulk material having initiator moieties covalently bonded to its surface, where the bulk material is coated with (b) a hydrophilic surface coating, especially a hydrophilic macromonomer. In the case where the composite material has the form of a biomedical device or a lens, the device or lens would be formed from the bulk material. The oligomer radicals of Formulae (3b) and (3b') are part of the hydrophilic coating, not the bulk material from which any device or lens is formed.

Chabreck et al. fails to suggest using the hydrophilic surface coating as the bulk material to form a biomedical device. It is respectfully submitted this alone indicates no prima facie case of anticipation or obviousness has been established.

Regarding claim 7 and subsequent dependent claims, it is noted that the macromonomers of Chabreck et al. formed from the Formulae (3b) and (3b') oligomers would not include the telechelics specified in claim 7.

Regarding claims 12, 14 and subsequent dependent claims, it is noted that Chabreck et al. does not suggest copolymerizing the surface-forming macromonomers with such co-monomers.

In summary, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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